How to easily thread cables through a trough-type cable tray



Overview

A Guide to Installing and Supporting Electrical Cable TraysThis guide covers the critical steps, from selecting the right electrical cable tray and perform.

Key Takeaways

Threading cables through a trough-type cable tray can be made easier by planning the layout, using pull tools, and maintaining proper spacing to prevent damage.

Preparation and Planning

Before threading cables, inspect the tray to ensure it is free of sharp edges, debris, or obstructions that could damage cable insulation. Verify that the tray is properly supported and that the tray width and load capacity match the number and type of cables to be installed. Plan the cable route, including entry and exit points, bends, and drop-outs, to minimize unnecessary bends and maintain the minimum bend radius for each cable.

Tools and Accessories

Using the right tools can significantly simplify cable threading: Cable pullers or fish tapes: These help guide cables through long or complex tray runs. Pulling socks or grips: Useful for bundling multiple cables together for smoother movement. Lubricants: Non-conductive cable lubricants reduce friction in tight or long runs.

Cable rollers or supports: For horizontal runs, these prevent sagging and reduce friction.

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Threading Techniques

Start from the farthest point: Begin threading cables from the end farthest from the power source or equipment to reduce tangling. Bundle cables carefully: Group cables by type or destination, keeping them organized to avoid crossing or twisting. Maintain spacing: Avoid overfilling the tray; cable fill should not exceed 40% of tray capacity to allow heat dissipation and easy maintenance.

Use drop-outs for exits: When cables need to leave the tray, use pre-installed drop-outs or field-drilled brackets to guide cables vertically without sharp bends. Avoid sharp bends: Respect the minimum bend radius for each cable type to prevent insulation damage and signal interference.

Securing and Finishing

Once cables are threaded: Fix cables at regular intervals using clamps or ties to prevent movement and sagging. Install tray covers if applicable, ensuring they are properly secured to protect cables from dust, debris, and physical damage. Label cables for easy identification and future maintenance.

By following these steps—preparing the tray, using appropriate tools, threading carefully, and securing cables—you can efficiently and safely install cables in a trough-type cable tray while minimizing the risk of damage and ensuring compliance with industry standards.

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Cable Tray / Trough Tray INSTALLATION

Place 2nd part around opposite end of Trough Tray, align clamp holes and install hardware.) Recommended torque: for 3/8” fasteners: 25-35 ft-lbs [33.9-47.5 N-m].

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